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- AND ZAIRE UNDER CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURE

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2. THIS IS HRC DELEGATION CABLE NO. 175.

SUMMARY

3. UNDER THE CONFIDENTIAL 1503 PROCEDURE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF RWANDA, DECIDING -- WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE RWANDAN MINISTER WHO ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION -- TO RETAIN RWANDA UNDER THE CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURE UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S SESSION. FOLLOWING AN ADDRESS BY THE

POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF THE ZAIRE PRIME MINISTER, FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF ZAIRE WAS PUT OFF UNTIL THE FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION COMES BEFORE THE HRC FOR A VOTE IN THE MIDDLE OF WEEK SIX. THE CHAIRMAN REFUSED TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE SUDANESE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO KEEP HIS COUNTRY IN THE CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURE RATHER THAN IN PUBLIC, DESPITE AN ATTEMPT AT PROCEDURAL SUPPORT FROM CUBA. END SUMMARY.

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4. AS PREDICTED IN REF B, RWANDAN MINISTER OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AGATHA UWILINGIYIMANA SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. SHE NOTED THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD SENT HER WAS MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO COOPERATE IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PLEDGED THAT IT WOULD STRIVE TO PREVENT INCIDENTS SUCH THOSE WHICH HAD OCCURED AND STILL CONTINUE. THE GOR IS CARRYING OUT POLITICAL AND
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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AIMED AT CURBING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND REMAINS OPEN TO ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MONITOR THE ISSUE. RWANDA NEEDS INTENSIVE AND RAPID INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION TO HELP CONTROL THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE REACTIONARY FORCES WHICH SEEK TO PROTECT THE OLD REGIME, SHE CONCLUDED.

5. THANKING THE MINISTER FOR HER FRANK REMARKS, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOR WOULD BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COMMISSION BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE RWANDAN OPENESS AND WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION. THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION ECHOED THE SENTIMENT BUT ASKED POINTED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ARREST AND SENTENCING OF JOURNALISTS AND MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOR TO BRING TO JUSTICE THE PERPETRATORS OF VIOLATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN COMMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. CANADA ALSO WELCOMED THE INFORMATION, AND NOTED THAT THE REBEL RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT ALSO BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. CANADA ALSO WORRIED THAT THE SITUATION APPEARS TO KEEP DETERIORATING, RATHER THAN IMPROVING, HOWEVER, AND ASKED ABOUT RECENT REPORTS OF MASS GRAVES, NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT BEARS THE FINAL

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN ITS
COUNTRY. (COMMENT: THESE AND OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE
SPEAKING, AT LEAST IN PART, FROM ADVANCE COPIES OF THE
REPORT ON RWANDA BY THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION, WHICH HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY NGO'S TO ALL
DELEGATIONS IN A CLEAR, AND ULTIMATELY SUCCESSFUL,
EFFORT TO HEAD OFF A RWANDAN "CHARM OFFENSIVE.")

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6. OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO BE HONEST, THE MINISTER
REPLIED TO THESE INQUIRIES BY ADMITTING THAT SOME
JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, BUT THAT IT OCCURED
WITHOUT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COGNIZANCE NOR AUTHORITY, AND
WHEN THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES LEARN OF SUCH A CASE THEY
IMMEDIATELY DO THEIR BEST TO OBTAIN THE JOURNALISTS'
RELEASE. SHE BLAMED THE INCIDENTS ON INDIVIDUALS, LOCAL
OFFICIALS WHO BECOME UPSET AT WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS
ATTACKS ON THE REGIME. SHE ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE ARMED
FORCES ARE ILL-TRAINED AND DO NOT ALWAYS RESPECT

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CITIZENS' RIGHTS, BUT PROMISED THAT VIOLATORS WHO ARE
CAUGHTS WILL BE PUNISHED. ADMITTING THAT MASSACRES HAVE
TAKEN PLACE, SHE PROMISED THAT THE GOR WILL DO ALL
WITHIN ITS POWER TO PREVENT REOCCURANCES, BUT STRESSED
THAT THE VICTIMS ARE NOT ONLY TUTSI BUT INDIVIDUALS FROM
EVERY SECTOR OF SOCIETY. SHE PROMISED THAT THE GOR WILL
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FOLLOW THE PATH OF NEGOTIATIONS, NOTING THAT THE PRIME
MINISTER HAD GONE TO DAR ES SALAAM THE PREVIOUS DAY FOR
TALKS WITH RPF REPRESENTATIVES. AUSTRIA THANKED THE
MINISTER FOR HER REPLIES, AND THE BURUNDI DELEGATION
CALLED ON ALL PARTIES TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE
EFFORTS BY THE CURRENT GOR TO REACH A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT TO THE INTERNAL STRIFE. THE WORKING GROUP
DRAFT RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED BY THE FRENCH, WAS APPROVED
BY CONSENSUS. (FINAL TEXT FAXED TO IO/HW)

ZAIRE

7. AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, ZAIRE WAS PERMITTED TO ADDRESS
THE COMMISSION IN CLOSED SESSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD BE DEBATED AND
VOTED IN PUBLIC. MAITRE MUKENDI WA MULUMBA, POLITICAL
COUNSELOR TO TRANSITION GOVERNMENT PRIME MINISTER
ETIENNE TISHIKEDI, THANKED THE HRC AND THE UN SYG FOR
THEIR CONCERN ABOUT HIS COUNTRY AND EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR THE OBJECTIVE AND EXHAUSTIVE REPORT
PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION BY THE SYG'S SPECIAL

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REPRESNETATIVE, MICHEL MOUSSALLI. MUKENDI ATTRIBUTED THE CURRENT TENSIONS IN ZAIRE TO A STRUGGLE BETWEEN "A DICTATORIAL FORCE WHICH CLINGS TO POWER" AND THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR CHANGE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, SERIAL MURDERS, ROCKET ATTACKS ON PRIVATE HOMES, RAPES BY UNIFORMED SOLDIERS OF NUNS, MOTHERS AND CHILDREN; MONOPOLIZATION OF THE MASS MEDIA BY ONE POLITICAL GROUP, AND THREATS AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CULMINATING IN THE TRANSITION PARLIAMENT

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HAVING BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE BY THE ARMED FORCES. ALL OF THESE EVENTS WERE THE RESULT OF A POLITICAL BLOCKAGE KEPT IN PLACE TO RENDER THE COUNTRY UNGOVERNABLE, DUE SOLELY TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, WHO REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN THE COUNTRY. MUKENDI NOTED THAT, UNDER THE TRANSITION PROCESS OF THE SOVEREIGN NATIONAL CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS, BUT HE DOES ANYWAY. HE THANKED THE HRC FOR ITS CONCERN AND INTEREST IN EVENTS IN ZAIRE AND PLEDGED THAT THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WILL WORK TO SUPPORT AND UPHOLD ALL HUMAN RIGHTS.

CLOSING THE DEBATE

8. HRC CHAIRMAN ENNACEUR OF TUNISIA THANKED THE ZAIROIS ENVOY FOR HIS REMARKS AND REMINDED THE COMMISSION THAT IT HAD BEEN EARLIER DECIDED THAT BOTH ZAIRE AND SUDAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION SINCE THERE WERE PUBLIC RESOLUTIONS TABLED IN THEIR REGARD. SUDANESE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHIDDO IMMEDIATELY OBJECTED, CLAIMING THAT SUDAN HAD BEEN UNFAIRLY SUBJECTED TO PROCEDURAL MANIPULATION BY THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS PURSUING A VENDETTA AGAINST HIS COUNTRY. HE CALLED FOR HIS COUNTRY TO BE DEBATED IN CLOSED SESSION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE VOTE TAKEN A WEEK EARLIER TO SUSPEND DEBATE UNTIL THE PUBLIC RESOLUTION HAD BEEN VOTED UPON. NOTING THAT IT WAS ALREADY PAST 1:15 WHEN THE INTERPRETERS LEAVE FOR LUNCH, ENNACEUR REMAINED UNMOVED DESPITE SEVERAL EFFORTS BY SHIDDO, AND GAVELLED THE SESSION CLOSED DESPITE AN

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ATTEMPT BY MIGUEL ALFONSO MARTINEZ OF CUBA TO CALL FOR A
POINT OF ORDER AND REOPEN THE DEBATE.

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